

LOCAL NEWS.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD.—A called meeting of this Board took place last night, at 8 o'clock, present: E. Snowden, Jr., ex-officio, Chairman, and Messrs. Addison, J. S. Beach, Burke, Hopkins, Neale, Wheat, Whittington and Whittlessey, and the Superintendent.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called at the request of the committee on the proposed new school house, and requested Mr. Hopkins to state its object; whereupon that gentleman explained that the committee desired the Board to consider the expediency of purchasing Badley's building, on the corner of King and Alfred streets. In order to bring the matter before the Board, he offered a resolution directing the purchase.

The Superintendent then, at his request, explained how the building, though not susceptible of exactly the arrangement he would desire if a new house could be erected, might be conveniently fitted up for school purposes. He also requested the clerk to read a letter from Rev. Dr. Sears, General Agent of the Peabody Education Fund, in which that gentleman said that although the rules prescribed for disbursements forbade the promising of any aid except from year to year, saw no reason to doubt that at least \$1,500 a year would be given to Alexandria for some years to come.

An animated debate then followed, which lasted until ten o'clock, the trustees taking different views of the subject, and expressing their warmly, but no final decision on the subject was arrived at.

Before the adjournment the Superintendent notified the Board of the removal of Wm. N. Carne, ex-officio, from the 1st to the 3d Ward, dated from the 10th of March; whereupon, on motion of Mr. Snowden, (Mr. Neale being in the chair), it was

Ordered, That the clerk notify the City Council that a vacancy in this Board exists from the first Ward, which that body can fill within sixty days from its occurrence.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—Henry Jones, who was cut during an affray at Petty's restaurant last Saturday afternoon, and has lain there ever since, died at 11 o'clock last night. His body was removed two hours afterward to the residence of his father, Capt. Ezekiel Jones, on South Lee street, where Coroner Samuel Beach held an inquest upon it at 10 o'clock this morning.

Dr. Brown, George Petty, Lewis Petty, Jos. McCann, West, Makeley and M. J. Monroe were examined as witnesses, and the purpose of their evidence was that Jones died from the effects of the wounds that had been inflicted upon him; that Jones had accused Beach of trying to create a difficulty between two of the party who were in Petty's restaurant; that Beach had denied the charge; that Jones called Beach a d-d liar; that Beach responded by calling him a G-d d liar; that Jones then struck him, and that Beach then, in spite of the efforts of Capt. Eli Petty, who endeavored to separate them, inflicted the wounds which proved mortal.

The verdict of the jury, of which E. E. Downham was foreman, was that Henry C. Jones came to his death from cuts inflicted by a knife in the hands of Silas Beach, on the 28th ult., at Eli Petty's restaurant.

Beach, who is in jail, having been committed to await the result of Jones' wounds, was brought before Justice May at the jail this afternoon and his counsel, Col. Stuart, waiving an examination, was fully committed for his appearance at Court to answer the charge of murder, and the following named parties recognized for their appearance as witnesses: Capt. Eli Petty, George Petty, Lewis Petty, Dr. Brown, Dr. Lewis, Joseph McCann, O. W. Monroe, William Kidwell, James Beach, William Wheatley, George H. Lyles, Wesley Makeley.

MEETING OF THE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.—After the regular business of the Commercial Exchange was concluded, this morning, a meeting was organized with W. A. Moore in the chair and Donald McLean secretary.

George H. Robinson read the following letter from I. C. O'Neal, delegate in the Legislature from this city, calling attention to the tax bill now before the Legislature, and its discrimination against commission merchants:

RICHMOND, VA., March 31, 1874.

George H. Robinson:—The tax bill now before the Legislature specifies, among other provisions, a specific tax for license of fifty dollars, also three percent on commissions. I think it too high. Will you give me your views as well as those of our commission men in Alexandria on the question, so that I can act for the interest of my community. Respectfully yours,

I. C. O'NEAL.

Col. Suttle and Mr. G. R. Shinn made some remarks expressive of the injustice of such a tax as that proposed, and, on motion of the former, a committee consisting of C. F. Suttle, P. B. Hooe and G. U. Robinson was appointed to prepare resolutions, to be sent to our representatives in the Legislature, expressive of the views of the meeting in relation to the subject. The meeting then adjourned until to-morrow morning, when the committee will present their report.

RELIGIOUS.—To-day being Maundy Thursday, the anniversary of the Last Supper, and the betrayal of our Lord into the hands of His enemies by Judas Iscariot, was celebrated, as usual, by the Catholics of this city. At St. Mary's Church, Rev. T. M. Sheerin officiated, the pastor having been summoned to the cathedral, at Richmond, according to usage, to assist at the solemn ceremony of blessing the oils used during the year in baptism, confirmation, &c. As no Mass is allowed on Good Friday, two Hosts were consecrated, one of which was conveyed, in solemn procession, to a temporary altar, richly decorated, on the right of the chancel, where it will remain until the latter part of the services to-morrow, being visited, meanwhile, by crowds of devout worshippers. The high altar was stripped of its ornaments and coverings after the services this morning, in memory of the desolation of our Savior during His passion, and after the Gloria in Excelsis, during which all the bells were rung, both bells and organ were silent, and will remain so until the same joyous anthem is intoned on Saturday. To-morrow, the services, which are deeply impressive, will begin at 8 a. m., and at 7 1/2 p. m., Rev. Edward J. Sourin, of Baltimore, will preach on the sufferings and death of Christ.

STATE SCHOOL MONEY.—Superintendent Carne received, this morning, a statement of "Appropriation No. 2 of State School Funds for 1873-4," from which it appears that the city of Alexandria is entitled to \$1,402,663, and the county of Alexandria to \$253,663, being 33 1/3 per cent for each person of school age. We are pleased to learn that by presenting evidence of the superior correctness of the school census of 1872, the largest which has been taken, he has succeeded in having it taken as a basis, and thus secured at least \$150 more for the city schools.

PROPERTY SALES.—Green & Wise, real estate agents, sold yesterday the farm called "Rose Bank," belonging to C. H. Banks, esq., located near Warrenton, Fauquier county, Va., containing 27,404 acres, with good improvements and fine orchards, to John McGinty, esq., of Carroll county, Ohio, for \$5,000. Mr. Enoch McMillen, also of Carroll county, Ohio, has purchased the house in Warrenton, belonging to Rice W. Payne, for \$1,800.

EASTER DAY.—Next Sunday being Easter Day, will be appropriately celebrated in the Catholic and Episcopal Churches in this place.

EASTER HOLIDAY.—By direction of the Superintendent, all the public schools in the city, will be closed to-morrow and on Monday, as usual. Some of the teachers desiring to visit the public schools in Washington for purposes of instruction, obtained permission to close their schools to-day, under a resolution of the City School Board allowing such visits, passed a year or two ago.

POLICE REPORT.—Affairs at police headquarters for the last day or two have been exceedingly quiet.

Mayor Kemper was at his office this morning, but no cases were before him.

Five lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. N. B. Meade, editor of the Richmond Whig, and Geo. W. Ward, State Senator from Frederick, were in the city last night, and left this morning for Richmond.

TERRAPINS.—Mr. Price, at his stand, in the fish market, this morning, had some fine Potomac terrapins, which were much sought after. They were in prime condition, and readily commanded the attention of purchasers. Terrapins continue a great delicacy.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.)

Foreign News.

LONDON, April 2, 6 a. m.—The Duke of Devonshire is dead.

The Times says it has authentic advices from the scene of war before Bilbao to April 1st which show that the Republican troops have taken no position since March 25. A three days' armistice, in which Bilbao was not included, has been agreed upon for the burial of the dead. Meanwhile the bombardment of the city continues. General Caballero de Rodas, with five thousand men, is advancing by forced marches to the assistance of Marshal Serrano.

A Daily News special from India says: Incendiary fires here are alarmingly frequent. In the neighborhood of Secatmoro, in the Gwalior district, two large villages were destroyed.

From Nepal large numbers of inhabitants are emigrating in consequence of the famine.

LONDON, April 2, 12:30 p. m.—At 12:15 p. m. the Bank of England directors posted their card announcing that the expected change in the rate of discount had not been made.

LONDON, April 1, 4 p. m.—The bank in the Bank of England decreased \$459,000 during the past week. The amount gone into the Bank on balance to-day is £15,000.

Horrible Tragedy.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—A dispatch from Austin, Nevada, to-night, gives the particulars of a horrible tragedy in Snooky Valley in that State. It appears that Christopher Reckstein had been for a long time jealous of his wife in consequence of attentions paid to her by a young man named Norton and they had frequent quarrels about him. Yesterday a man named Osterhaus went to Reckstein's house and receiving no response to his demands for admission broke open the door. On the floor lay the naked body of Mrs. Reckstein cut into pieces; her head split open. At her feet were the bodies of their two little girls, their heads nearly severed from their bodies and near by were the dead bodies of Reckstein and young Norton, grappled as if in a death struggle. Reckstein grasped in his right hand a large bowie knife covered with blood, and in Norton's right hand was a dragon pistol, two chambers of which were discharged. There is no living witness to the terrible affair.

The Temperance Cause.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The pledge not to use alcoholic liquors of any kind as beverages and to welcome any adequate legislation, State and national, for the suppression of the traffic in alcoholic liquors, which has been in circulation among the ministers of New York and Brooklyn has received over one hundred signatures. Two lady delegates from each Evangelical congregation in this city will meet Tuesday next to form a central union.

Dio Lewis speaks at a temperance rally in Brooklyn to-night.

Heavy Verdict.

FORT SCOTT, KS., April 2.—In the District Court yesterday a verdict of \$100,000 was rendered in favor of Fort Scott against the Kansas and Texas railroad for breach of contract by the failure of the company to locate machine shops here. The case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Steamer Sunk.

NEW YORK, March 2.—A dispatch from Portsmouth, Va., says: The steamer Commerce, of Baltimore, loaded with merchandise, struck a snag in Albemarle Sound, near Plymouth, yesterday, and sunk. Wreckers have gone from this city to her assistance.

Returned.

PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—The first regiment returned from Susquehanna depot this morning and made a street parade under command of Col. Benson, reporting to General Provost at his office on Third, below Chestnut street.

Stables and Mules Burned.

HAZLETON, PA., April 2.—The stables at Laurel Hill Spore, owned by Parson & Co., were burned last night with twenty-three mules. The origin of the fire is unknown.

To be Closed.

NEW YORK, March 2.—The Stock Exchange and Gold Exchange will be closed to-morrow.

Free of Ice.

NEW YORK, April 2.—The Hudson river is free from ice and navigation has begun.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, April 2, 11 a. m. For the Middle States rising temperature, generally cloudy weather and occasionally light rain, the winds shifting to westerly in south and western portions during the day with clearing weather and over remainder to-night. For the Southern States east of the Mississippi, clear or partly cloudy weather and light to fresh winds mostly from the Northwest and southwest.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Stocks active. Gold 131. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat quiet and unchanged. Corn firm.

BALTIMORE, April 2.—Va. sixes, consolidated, 50 1/2. West Va. sixes 10 bid. Cotton firm and fairly active; low middlings 15 1/2. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat in fair demand; white choice 180 1/2; good to prime red 165 1/2; choice number 180; good to prime red 165 1/2; common to fair do. 150 1/2; Pennsylvania 170 1/2; Ohio and Indiana do 150 1/2. Corn firm. Southern; white Southern 83 1/2; yellow Southern 82 1/2; mixed Western weaker at 82. Oats firm; Southern 61 1/2; Western 61 1/2. Rye dull. Hay very dull at 16 1/2. Provisions firm.

GRAND VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT AT KING GEORGE COURT HOUSE, on THURSDAY, April 9th, at eight o'clock p. m.

The best amateur musical talent of King George county will participate in the Concert, assisted by the celebrated EUREKA QUARTETTE of Richmond, Va., accompanied by their orchestra.

The proceeds of this Concert are to be devoted to the purchase of an Organ for St. Paul's Creek Church and to the repairs of St. Paul's and Lamb's Creek Churches.

Everything in the way of refreshments that the most fastidious taste can desire will be provided on this occasion.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The ham stolen from the yard of Lieut. Smith, of the city police, during the absence of the cook, on Sunday last, was restored the next evening by Mr. John Lally, who took it away from a dog that he saw running down an alley with it in his mouth, and was made aware of its owner by reading a notice of the theft in the Gazette.

The annual meeting of the Alexandria Bible Society will be held at the Second Presbyterian church to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, of Richmond, president of the Virginia Bible Society, and Rev. Dr. Edwards, of the Board of Managers of the Virginia Bible Society, are expected to be present and deliver addresses.

Capt. M. Eldridge, deputy collector of internal revenue for this District, captured a barrel of illicitly distilled apple-brandy in Warrenton last week, and is working up the case so as to determine the location of the still, which is supposed to be in Rappahannock county, which is not in this District.

One of the little boys who were playing in a boat at the oyster dock yesterday afternoon fell overboard. He was rescued by his companion, who caught him by the hair and dragged him ashore, when hand in hand they ran up the street so fast that nobody could even get their names.

Mr. W. F. Vincent, of this city, has obtained the contract for building a handsome residence at Franconia on the A. & F. R. R., for Mr. Mark Young, of Washington. There were several bids for the work, but Mr. Vincent's—\$3,250—was the lowest.

Frank Scott, now in jail charged with an assault upon John Leuther, in the county, and who had to be shot and severely beaten before he could be secured, is improving. The pistol balls did not enter his skull, but glanced off beneath the scalp.

The Fairfax Cemetery Company has been organized and the following officers elected: President, Thomas Moore, secretary, M. H. Wells, Treasurer, Jos. W. Whitehead, Board of directors, B. Canfield, R. R. Farr, and Jas. M. Love.

At a meeting of the directors of the temporarily organized Alexandria Marine Railway Co., held yesterday evening, it was determined to hold a general meeting of all those interested, or to be interested in the establishment of a ship yard here, next Tuesday night.

On Tuesday last Messrs. J. D. Farnce & Co., commenced felling operations at Freestone Point, and their first haul took in 5,000 shad, 10,000 herring, and 12,000 bunches of rock and perch.

The schooner Joe Miller, belonging to Gen. Fitz Lee, and which had been undergoing repairs here, while on her way down the river yesterday, was capsized and sunk off Indian Head. Her crew were saved.

Those who took part in rendering the late cantata at Satepita Hall were handsomely entertained at the house of Mr. Hudson on Cameron street, last night.

Mr. John Gibson, one of the oldest of the Potomac river fishermen, and large engaged in operations this season, died at his home in Washington last night.

A letter addressed to D. M. Bernard, Petersburg, is detained in the Post Office here for want of postage stamp.

Passengers for the Manassas cars yesterday report the ground covered with snow along the line west of Broad Run station.

The new German Banking Company opened its office, and commenced business this morning with flattering prospects of success.

Something grand in the way of music is expected from the choirs of the Catholic and Episcopal Churches on Sunday next—Easter.

Passenger and freight trains are now running regularly between this city and Purcellville.

PARLOR ORGANS.

I have on hand a fine assortment of CABINET ORGANS, from the most reputed makers, ranging from \$85 to \$175. They will be sold on time or with a liberal discount for cash. Call and see them at VICTOR BECKER'S Piano and Music Store, 112 King street, next to the Marshall House, Alexandria, Va. ap 2-24

NOTICE.—The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the will of H. H. MILLER, hereby give notice to all persons indebted to him to make payment to them, and to all persons having claims against the estate to present the same, duly proven, for settlement.

E. J. MILLER, FRANCIS MILLER, Ex'rs.

NEW PARASOLS.

We get our supply of PARASOLS and UMBRELLAS, direct from the manufacturer, and invite all in want of a good article at the lowest price to look at our assortment.

R. L. WOOD.

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CANNED GOODS.

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CANDIDATES.

COL. WILLIAM KILGOUR having declined re-election, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Alexandria.

W. S. C. NEALE.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.—At the request of a number of my fellow-citizens, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney of the city of Alexandria at the approaching May election, subject to the action of the nominating convention of the Conservative party. If elected, I shall devote my time, energy and ability to the discharge of the legitimate duties of the office.

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SCHUYLER DURYEE, Secretary.

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LADIES' ROMAN TIES AND SHOES, entirely new style, at

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LADIES' PARLOR & TOILET SLIPPERS Ladies' French Kid Broadway, Ladies' Lasting French Kid Broadway, Morocco Broadway, French Kid Toile, Cassimere Toile, Lasting Toile, Serge and Carpet slippers, in every style and quality.

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A large stock with a great variety of new styles, beautiful and very cheap.

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NEW BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND REVIEWS.

FRENCH'S,

NO. 95 KING STREET.

SCRIBNER'S FOR APRIL has a splendidly illustrated article entitled "Rauben in Virginia," by Edward King.

Harper for April, a very fine number: Lippincott, Godey, Detmold, Leslie, Peterson, Galpin, St. Nicholas, "What to Wear and How to Make It," and a host of others for April, are exceptionally good.

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